Full Capacity Utilization in Ordnance Factories

882. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present output in the ordnance factories is more than the requirements of defence services;

(b) whether the full capacity of production in all such factories is being utilised;

(c) if not, the steps taken to utilise the full capacity?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) There are a number of ordnance factories and the position in them would vary. The production is programmed as per the requirement of the Defence Services and additional projects are sanctioned where needed. Other items are also taken up for production in some ordnance factories by utilising available capacity.

(b) and (c) In many factories capacity is being utilised fully. In others steps are taken to increase the level of utilisation by taking remedial action such as ensuring supply of critical components and material, etc.

Creation and Utilisation of Irrigation Potential

883. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what additional area in the country can be brought under cultivation with the existing irrigation potential;

(b) for how long the irrigation potential is lying unutilised;

(c) what will be the approximate additional foodgrains that can be produced by using this extra irrigation potential; and

(d) what steps Government are taking to close the gap between the irrigation potential created and utilised?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKRANAND): (a) and (b) Out of the irrigation potential of about 68 m. ha. expected to be created by end of VIth Plan period, nearly 5 m. ha. is likely to be unutilised. This lag in utilisation being cumulative, it is difficult to indicate the period for which it is lying unutilised.

(c) The full utilisation of the irrigation potential will certainly lead to additional agricultural production including foodgrains, but the quantification of this is difficult as irrigation is only one of the many inputs in agricultural production.

(d) Command Area Development Authorities have been set up to take up on-farm works such as construction of field channels and field drains, land levelling and land shaping, introduction of warabandi, conjunctive use of surface and ground water etc. The other measures include extension of water courses from 40 ha. block to 5—8 hectare block in ongoing projects, inclusion of similar provision for completed projects in modernisation schemes, and modernisation of completed irrigation systems, as necessary, in a phased manner.

Crossing of Borders by Pakistani Army in J and K

884. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to Government's notice that Pakistan Armed Forces are stationed on the borders in Poonch and Rajouri sectors of Jammu and Kashmir,

(b) whether it is a fact that Pakistan armymen crossed the borders a number of times;